

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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ABOVE MEASURE

The Standard Must be Maintained at The Risk of Life.

MUST NOT WEAKEN AND GIVE DOWN.

The Bible remains the same from one century to another. It reads now just like it did when such men as Luther, Fox, Wesley, Finley, Caughey, Knox, and Finney read it. It is just like it was when I commenced to read it thirty years ago, but I did not know anything about it then. I have changed but it is ever the same Book.

This blessed Book marks out a standard for the human race to measure up to in Christian experience, but while it sets the standard it plainly shows that this highest standard is not reached at one bound. When one accepts Christ it is usually the case that he does not know what the standard is that he is expected to reach. But he has to learn about it day by day.

In his epistle to Timothy Paul says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Then in order to measure up to this standard, and get to a place in your experience that you can have God's approval there must be some studying done. And this studying means more than merely reading the Bible as you read any other book. To study the Bible it means for you to put yourself to hard work, and when you find something you do not understand you are to make a search for a true understanding of it.

Right here is where so many people make a mistake. When a passage is read that is not readily understood they put their own construction upon it and go ahead. This is a fatal mistake, and will lead to gross error and folly. This is one of the causes of so much division. One will read along and come to a dark passage and place his opinion upon it and then begin to teach it that way. Another will read the very same passage and put his construction upon it and pass on and go to teaching it. One of these parties will teach it his way, and when the other one comes along he will teach it to the very same congregation different from the other one. This, then, will bewilder the congregation and they will become confused.

Here is an example, not of doctrine, but of history: Zedekiah was the nineteenth and last king of Judah. The prophet Ezekiel said Zedekiah should never see the city of Babylon. Jeremiah said that Zedekiah would be taken to Babylon by the king of Babylon. After these prophecies had gone forth Jeremiah says again that Zedekiah was bound with chains and carried to Babylon. Now here is the lesson: One could very easily read about Zedekiah from Ezekiel and decide in his own mind that he was never in Babylon. He could readily make this statement because one writer said he should never see that city. Another person in reading at another place in the Scripture could just as readily say Zedekiah was taken to Babylon. And if these two men are preachers and should chance to preach to the same congregation, one would declare that Zedekiah was never

in Babylon, the other declare he was, and neither of them know what the other had said, but the congregation would know. Who is going to be confused under these circumstances? Of course not the preachers, because each one is perfectly innocent, and neither one knows of the other's statement. But the congregation is confused.

The congregation has confidence in both preachers, but this contradiction has shocked them. Which one is right? They surely cannot both be right. One says he was in Babylon, the other says he was not in Babylon. And both produce their proof in the Scriptures. This then will lead the people to believe the Scriptures contradict themselves. What is the cause of all this trouble? A failure on the part of the preachers to study to show themselves approved unto God, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Now listen! Had these two preachers given this subject a careful study before they made these contradictory statements it would have saved their congregation from the confusion, and themselves from embarrassment later if they were called into account about the matter. A careful study would have revealed that the prophet Ezekiel never said Zedekiah would never be in the city of Babylon, but only that he would never see the city. A still further search would show that before he was taken to Babylon his eyes were punched out. With this careful division of the Scriptures there is no confusion, there is no division.

The same kind of confusion may be brought about on other subjects that are vastly more important. But Paul wants to avoid such confusion, so he tells us to "study to shew yourselves approved unto God, *** workers that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

God does not approve of the confusion of Scriptures any more than geologists approve of a confusion of metals. As gold is gold so divine healing is divine healing. As silver is silver, so sanctification is sanctification. As lead is lead, so repentance and conversion are just those two things. As diamonds are diamonds, so the baptism of the Holy Ghost is the baptism of the Holy Ghost and not sanctification or something else.

What would the informed and educated part of the world think of geologists and chemists if they could not separate gold and silver and other metals any better than some people divide the Scriptures. They would pronounce them unskilful in their profession. That is just what God says of those who are only babes. He says they are "unskilful in the word of righteousness."

The writer of Hebrews seems to be surprised above measure when he discovered that the people he was addressing were so dull of hearing that he could not tell them as much as he wanted to. Of them he says, "For when for a time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not strong meat."

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be carried to Babylon, another states that he should not see the city of Babylon, another says he was carried to Babylon in chains as a prisoner, and another states that his eyes were punched out before he got there. This information could all have been put together, but God saw best to make it otherwise.

Take the precious stones, and the precious metals of the earth. God could have separated them and put each to itself, thus making gold mountains, silver hills, diamond plains, copper deserts, but no, He arranged all of this otherwise. He has them scattered about in the earth so men have to hunt for them. This takes time, and skill, and labor, and patience. But men keep at it. They search and search till they have found. And when they find gold they do not call it silver. When they find silver they do not call it copper, but they call each by its right name.

Now get the lesson: Regeneration, sanctification, the baptism of the Holy Ghost, divine healing, are all scattered throughout the Bible. But in their blindness men often call regeneration and sanctification the same. They often call sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost the same. They often call healing and conversion the same. Geologists would call me a fool if I should call gold and silver all the same. They would think you a "no-nothing" if you should call copper and lead the same substance.

But it is not thought that people are fools when they confuse the Scriptures in a similar manner. Some of these times many will be astonished above measure when they meet the two flaming eyes of God and they discover their awful blunder in confusing Scriptures. And this confusion is all caused because of not heeding Paul's advice to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

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is unskilful in the word of righteousness." And these are the very ones that are not able to separate conversion from sanctification, or sanctification from the baptism of the Holy Ghost, or the baptism of the Holy Ghost from joining the church, or anointing with oil for healing from the anointing of the Holy Ghost, or paying tithes and making free-will offerings, or giving alms and paying tithes. I declare that the Christian world are going to be surprised above measure some of these times if they do not learn better and do better, and I am afraid some of our own people will meet with the very same kind of surprise if they do not study their Bibles and the principles of the Church better before they undertake to pose as preachers and leaders. We do not expect them to know everything, but they ought to know enough to stand uncompromisingly for repentance, conversion, sanctification as a definite experience subsequent to regeneration, and prior to the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and for the other tongues as the evidence of the baptism, and for divine healing, and the paying of tithes.

Not long since a certain writer gave some of the different views that are taught about sanctification, and in order to carry an influence with all sides, he said, "Why not teach it as sanctification and not wrangle about works. Just so they are sanctified and not how they got it." We do not mean to wrangle about it, but we certainly do want to know our Bibles well enough to know where to place it and what it is when we get it. If we do not we would be like an inferior chemist that undertakes to separate some of the metals and makes a failure and finally decides to bunch it all up together and just call it all gold and not wrangle about how he got it. One is just as consistent as the other.

Following the same writer further down his weakness is discovered when it is read in the very same article that he says sanctification must be obtained before one is baptized with the Holy Ghost, and then later he says "one cannot get wholly sanctified until after he gets the gift of the Holy Ghost as the Spirit is the one who does the work." Such folly as this is one of the very things that brings confusion to readers and hearers. We want to avoid such confusion; and it can only be done by a careful study of the Word until it can be rightly divided.

The standard must be maintained at the risk of life. We must not weaken and give down. That is the reason that Paul suffered the stripes put upon him above measure. He would not lower the standard. Even his Corinthian church brethren sharply criticised him and almost rebelled, but he would not weaken and give down. He stood firm for the right. In his letter to those he dearly loved, although he said of them "the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved," he said, he was "pressed out of measure."

This dear man endured some awful suffering, even "above measure," to maintain the standard of righteousness. And we have many advantages that he did not have. We have his experience and teachings, besides many other helps. He stood the test and did not weaken so we

even though we may be called upon to endure stripes or other suffering and pressure above measure. The standard must be maintained, but if we do not "study to shew ourselves approved unto God" and rightly divide the Scriptures, how will we know what the standard is? I feel like saying to some that do not study—that only read a little along and along—if you do not want to study, or if you do not have the time to study, then for your safety as well as the safety of others I think you had better nestle close beside those who have taken the time and not venture too far out by yourself. Surely one that cannot swim had better remain close to the shore.

It is easy to offer criticism, but to offer criticism without being able to offer something better is not always wise. Men may differ in their views, but a close and careful study of a theme will almost always bring the parties closer together in their views, and very often so they will see "eye to eye."

In the matter of religion the cost is not to be considered. We must be right even if being right does cause suffering above measure. It is sometimes very embarrassing for one to give up his views and accept the views of another, and it often causes real suffering, but if the other is right and you are wrong it is much better to surrender like a man.

Paul said, "I have suffered the loss of all things, * * * that I may win Christ." After he once surrendered he was true to the end. He suffered above measure to maintain the standard, and it was never lowered. It never trailed in the dust while he was bearing it. We must be as faithful. We must be as fearless. We must not weaken and give down even if others do fall out by the way. But we must study until we know we are right before we become so firmly fixed that we cannot be moved.

The standard to which we are bound is described by the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Church of Ephesus, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Many may have to die, or will have to give up their views, before this standard is reached, but Paul says, "Till;" so we suppose by this expression that we will reach that standard somewhere along the way. A "study" so that we may be "approved unto God," and "rightly dividing the word of truth," will certainly make us able to reach the goal to which we are bound.

I wish to repeat, with all the love that God gives me, that some people are going to be astonished above measure in the near future, when the light that is now shining so dimly is brightened into extreme brightness. Who will be ashamed then? It will certainly be those who have not given themselves to study so as to rightly divide the word of truth. It will certainly be those who think they know, and yet they do not.

Listen! "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." This means to have God's approval. And you cannot do this and wrongly divide His Word.

Listen again! "Many will say

to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?" And at the next word God speaks they will again be astonished above measure. "I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." Oh! Oh! Oh! The groans and moans that will follow! It will be too late of course, but they will then see how sinful it is to handle the Word of God deceitfully, and misapply it, and not divide it right. They may then reflect and see how they could have escaped all of this disappointment by a close and careful and unprejudiced study of the Word so they could have divided it correctly.

LISTEN BROTHER! I DARE NOT STOP HERE! THE TRUTH IS TOO PRECIOUS, AND THE GROUND UPON WHICH WE ARE STANDING IS TOO HOLY TO HASTEN AWAY. I FEEL AN AWFUL SACREDNESS AS I CONTINUE.

Paul says, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee." The inference here is that if the preacher does not take heed unto himself, and unto the doctrine to get it right, that he may both lose himself and those that hear him, too. Both alike will be plunged into the regions of the damned and be lost if he does not stand by the doctrine and give it out correctly.

It will certainly be anguish and suffering above measure to be in that crowd of preachers to which the Lord will say, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity." I conclude then, that the Lord regards it iniquity to misapply or wrongly "divide the Word of truth," or "handle the Word of God deceitfully." Even the thoughts of being in this company are almost unbearable. The only way for people to escape is to "Study" and be "approved unto God," and "rightly divide the word of truth."

And this means more, as stated above, than merely reading it over.

Listen again! Right here is the cause of some of the trouble that exists between professing Christians today. It might be among some of our own people, but I hope not. Not "rightly dividing the word of truth." Paul says, "If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine (now listen) which is according to godliness (rightly divided); he is proud, knowing nothing (only guessing, at the best,) but doting about questions and strifes of words (who is guilty?) whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings (attention please,) perverse (stubborn) disputings of men of corrupt minds, destitute of the truth." (1 Tim. 6:3-5.)

Here is the cause of envy. Here is the cause of strife. Here is the cause of jealousies that exist between preachers occasionally. Here is the cause of evil surmisings (guess, suspicion, imagine, get up a false impression about a brother, and agitate it in the mind until it is believed to be true and then spread it among the brethren.) Here is the cause of erroneous teaching that Paul compares to an eating cancer. Here is the cause of divisions.

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can hardly estimate the good they will do when circulated.

Every Church and treasurer should remember that the overseer of the state is to be provided for out of tithes, and when the tithe of the tithes is sent to headquarters a proportional amount should be sent to the overseer of the state. This should be repeated every month. If at any time the address of the overseer of any state is not known, you can always reach him through the office at headquarters.

We are now ready to begin to renew the Evangelist's credentials for next year. You can send your old ones at the most convenient time to yourselves anytime before the first of Jan. 1919. This notice is for any and all Evangelists regardless of location.

Through an oversight last week Brother F. J. Lee's P. O. address was not given as he intended. But we take the pleasure in giving it in full here. F. J. Lee, 1911 Florida Ave., Tampa, Fla.

Calls are continually coming in for Church of God preachers. Wish we had many more preachers so we could answer all of these calls. The people want the full gospel backed up by the Church of God. This is right.

We are rapidly approaching the end of this year. What we do in 1918 will have to be done quickly. The same is true of this age. We are nearing the end. What we do must be done quickly. Let us work with all our might and not lose a minute by idleness. Time is very valuable now.

No Assembly.

After giving the matter careful and prayerful consideration we have fully decided not to try to have the Assembly this year. The spirit of it has gone down, the time has past, the overseers are on their fields, the workers have gone forth. Taking everything into consideration it would be very difficult to have the Assembly. Many have written they cannot come. The influenza epidemic is still raging in many places and quite a number of our people are sick as well as others our people have to nurse. The cold weather is almost here, and it is almost impossible for us to take care of the people in cold weather. Everybody we have advised with thinks best not to have it this year. We

will continue after the same order that has been followed the past year. We expect everyone to know the rulings of the Assembly and follow them faithfully. The evangelists will be required to get their credentials renewed by the first of Jan. or not be considered ministers. The monthly reports of churches and ministers, the financial system, the state district, pastoral and evangelistic work will all continue as last year. We expect everything to run smoothly, and much interest manifested in all departments. The war has hindered some the past year, that is over, thank God; the influenza epidemic has hindered some so the public services had to be discontinued, but this is over now except in a few localities. Let us all rally to the front and work harder to overcome all the difficulties and hindrances and make this the best year for the Church and the salvation of souls that has yet been known. Let us all do our best this year, and love harder, and pray harder, as well as work harder. Do this and success will crown our efforts, and many souls will be saved.

Segundo, Colo.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All Saints of God—Greeting in Jesus:

I am glad to be able to add my

testimony to those we read so often in the Evangel.

I am praising God today for full and free salvation that keeps me free and above sin each day. Hallelujah! I am saved to the uttermost.

Soon it will have been one year since Jesus my Savior stooped down and picked me up out of the mire and slush of sin, washed me white and clean in His precious blood, baptized me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues, clothed me in the robe of righteousness and started me out for heaven. Glory to His name!

I am just trying to get a new hold on His garment, every day. I praise Him for leading me out from victory unto victory, bless His name! and for healing my body and keeping me healed.

I must testify to the way He saved my life in an automobile accident. We were traveling one very dark night with no light on the car. I was sitting on the back seat praying, but had the door open ready to jump if anything happened. In a few minutes I felt a jerk and knew something had happened. I started to jump but the Holy Spirit said, "Sit still" and I obeyed.

We went down twenty-five feet in the dark and I did not get a scratch, didn't even get any dust on my clothes. The chauffeur and his wife were injured some, but Jesus held me in His arms and didn't suffer me to be hurt. Glory to His name! Oh how sweet to trust in Jesus!

We cannot have services but we are holding on to God's unchanging hand.

I ask all the saints everywhere to please pray for me and mine.

Your brother in Christ,
Bud Wills.**Somewhere in England.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still praising God and standing true amid storms of trial. When it looks like it is impossible to stand I read Mat. 10:16 and put the enemy behind me.

As I was coming overseas I was very sick. A storm on the sea was rolling the waves so high the water splashed on the top deck. I began to be frightened, then I thought of Christ walking on the sea to the apostles and of his calming the sea. At last I fell asleep. As I awoke from sleep, something said to me, "Fear not, it is I. I am with thee; be not afraid." God is always near even when it seems He is far away.

It seems very strange to me why the dear people who have a chance to serve God won't accept Him. Soon they will regret having rejected Him.

Saints of America, please remember to pray for us. If you realized our need you would never forget us.

I am four thousand miles from home, with the U. S. army. I have a brother somewhere in France. Please remember us in your prayers.

I send special greetings to my folks, friends and saints at Mt. Sinai, Foxworth, Miss.

Walter Lee Beard.

Eastmon, Miss.

Dear Readers:

I am still thanking and praising God for this wonderful experience. I have been in the way of holiness two years and have never grown tired of the way. It grows sweeter and brighter each day. Bless the name of Jesus!

The Lord certainly has blessed homes in this community. There is a little band here on fire for God.

Please pray for me that I may stay in the center of God's will at all times.

Your sister in Christ,

Mary Wallace.

GOD'S LOVE FOR A LOST WORLD**If we Fail Some Other Soul Will be Lost.**

LUTHER A. RICHARD.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."—John 3:16

God had so much interest in a lost, helpless world that He gave His only Son to redeem it. And Peter says it is not His will that any should perish. 2 Peter 3:9.

Even if they are His enemies, He does not want them to perish. us to remember that if we fail some other soul will be lost.

We have said many times that the reason people could not live above sin, was, that they failed to go far enough, and we tell them we have found power in Jesus to keep us from sin, and now since they have heard us say this they are watching to see if our testimony is true. After watching for a year or two, if we have lived the life before them, they believe what we have said. Probably they have seen us have some hard test, yet we would not yield and do wrong, so they decide they want the blessing. But what if we should fail to live true! About this time, no doubt, they would turn away and be lost.

O there is so much depending upon us! If we fail some one will be lost. Come on, brother, it will never do to give up. The end is too near now to stop.

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—Rev. 2:10.

Obituaries.

The little five-year-old son of Sister Effie Foster of Harrisburg, Ill., departed this life Nov. 11, 1918, after an illness of influenza, pneumonia and brain fever. He was a loving little boy and will be greatly missed. The parents have our sympathy.

The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

John O. Yates.

Sister Viola Lamb, wife of L. W. Lamb of Rhine, Ga., passed away October 21, 1918, after a very short illness of influenza. She was true to the end, shouted and praised God until the last breath.

Her devoted husband and children are left to mourn her loss. They have our sympathy in their sorrow.

One who loved her,
Mary Vail.

Little Samuel Riggs, five year-old son of Brother and Sister John Riggs of Lafollette, Tenn., went to live with Jesus Nov. 4, 1918.

He was the jewel of the home and will be missed by many, but our God knows best so we count it to His glory and our good.

May God bless the bereaved ones and comfort them in this hour of sorrow.

Geo. Morgan.

Our dear Sister Victoria Haag of Talbot, Tenn., passed away Nov. 9, 1918. Age, 18 years.

She was very low last spring, having been given up to die by the doctors. The saints were called and they prayed that God would raise her up that she might get saved. The Lord healed her and afterward saved, sanctified and baptized her with the Holy Ghost.

She leaves a husband and one child. She was loved by all who met her.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Johnie Whitehead at the home of her father-in-law where she died.

W. E. Hill.

The fifteen year-old daughter of George and Berta Westmoreland, of Harriman, Tenn., R. 1, went to live with Jesus October 22, 1918. She was full of the Holy Ghost and a member of the Church of God.

She preceded her father only three days, the latter joining her in the land of spirits October 25. He preached several times the day and night before his death.

The widow and eight children and a host of friends are left, but we weep not as those who

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Will Fish.

On October 30, 1918 the death angel visited the home of M. A. Collier and called away her loving mother, Mrs. L. J. Line. Age 71, years, 5 months and 3 days.

She died with the third stroke of paralysis also other ailments. She bore her sickness patiently and said she was ready to meet Jesus, that her way was clear. She was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

A husband, one son and three daughters preceded her to the glory world, while two sons and three daughters with many relatives and friends are left to mourn her loss.

The funeral service was conducted by Willie Freeman and the body was laid away in the home cemetery to await the resurrection.

May God bless the bereaved ones by answering the prayers of the deceased.

One who loved her.

After an illness of about nine days Brother D. M. Stewart of Arkadelphia, Ala., was called home October 19, 1918. He was a member of the Church of God, filled with the Holy Ghost.

He leaves seven children, father, mother, three brothers, three sisters and many relatives and friends to mourn his loss. He is gone but not forgotten, for he was loved by all who knew him.

We will miss him in the church for he was a good worker in helping sinners through to God.

We mourn not as those who have no hope, our loss is heaven's gain.

J. H. Stewart.

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This whole catalogue of bad things come from a lack of the study of God's Word or wrongly dividing it when it is studied.

Brother, get the vision; get the understanding; get the love of God and His Bible so grounded in your soul that nothing can induce you to misapply or wrongly divide the word of truth," and thus cause you to lose your soul and drag others after you. Stand by the standard and hold it up to its proper place by your own obedience to it. Bear with those that are only babes and can only drink milk and will occasionally spill that all over themselves, but be sure you are approved of God and that you divide the Word of truth correctly and thus both save yourselves and them that hear you.

As I close, my soul seems to be on fire with His love, and a sacredness hovers all around. I do not want to fail to fill my mission in this world, and I must not fail God in whatever He bids me do. I believe my love for the brethren and the Lord's great church is constantly increasing. I must be sure and divide the Word of truth correctly. God help me.

SOWING AND REAPING

PERRY W. HADSOCK.

"Say not ye, There are yet four months and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

And he that reaps receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that both he that soweth and he that reaps may rejoice together.

And herein is that saying true, One soweth and another reaps." St. John 4:35-37.

Generally the harvesting time is enjoyed by all, but the sowing time comes first and usually requires more labor and hardships than reaping. But the sower and the reaper should receive equal honor, for he that reaps cannot reap without the sower first sowing the seed and the fruit being brought forth.

In our text Jesus was referring to His Word going forth and souls being brought into His kingdom.

We will dwell first on sowing. Sow—to scatter seed; to scatter abroad. Read Luke 8:5-15. Here Jesus gives us a parable on sowing. Verse 5: "A sower went out to sow his seed." Verse 11: The seed is the word of God." From the reading of this parable we see that the sower sowed plentifully, though many of the seed did not find lodging in good ground. But some did and brought forth good fruit.

Suppose the sower knew that some of his seed would fall by the wayside, some on rocks, and some among thorns, what must he do? seek to sow only in the good clean places and by so doing fail to get some seed in some remote corner that would bring forth fruit? No, not if he is endowed with wisdom; but he will sow bountifully. When we scatter abroad the seed, God's Word, we can rest assured that at the judgment, if not before, we shall see the fruit of our sowing.

We can sow the Word in so many ways; by publication in papers, tracts and various kinds of religious literature; by preaching it, talking it in our conversation, speaking it in kindness and living it.

Remember that in whatever way we sow the Word, it will not return unto Him void. The enemy of our soul would discourage us along this line, especially when we have a several days or weeks meeting without much visible results. It is indeed encouraging to have a good harvesting time along with the sowing, and is often the case, but many times the fruit harvested is that of some seed sown in time past and by others than the reaper. The text says, "One soweth and another reaps."

We should never become discouraged if we don't harvest a good yield at the seed sowing time, but sow the more and we will have more to rejoice over with the reaper. See verse 6.

Once we were in a meeting in a large southern city. This was a new field and we were not permitted to hold services in the central part of town, so in order to cover some seed we found a place farther out to pitch our tent. We began our labor of seed sowing by scattering papers and tracts over the town. Though the attendance at the tent was not so large, those passing would often stop and listen to the spiritual songs and testimonies and the Word as it was given out. The visible results were not those of a harvesting time, but the judgment only will reveal the fruit of the labors there.

Once a brother in his testimony spoke as follows:

"One night I was walking the streets of a city, lost, wrecked and undone, wandering about. I happened along where a large crowd was assembled together and the attraction was a colored

woman preaching on the street. I heard her quote these words: "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." I was a good distance back in the crowd, but those words penetrated my heart and I said: 'My Lord, here I am not at peace with any man and I know I am not holy.' Those words of that negro woman haunted me until I repented and got right with my God."

At the time he related this story, this brother was traveling, preaching on the streets.

So you see no one knows the good he is doing when sowing God's Word. And those who sow will share in the reaping. Though they sow in tears they will reap in joy.

There are many fields open for the seed and there are many white already to harvest. May we sow, not sparingly but bountifully, not in the choice places but abroad; and at the great harvest day we shall receive our reward for our labor. "Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

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They have lived so many summers, Intellect and mind so clear, They have missed the blessed story, Of the truth to us so dear.

And they might have been forgiven, "Twas as much for them as you, That the Saviour paid the ransom, For the many—not the few.

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AWAKE! AWAKE!

MRS. B. L. SHEPHERD

Surely Isaiah was talking to us now as he looked down the annals of time and saw the golden opportunities given to us, and we would do well to heed him. Listen to him as he calls, "Awake! awake! put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments." Isa. 52:1. O Church of God, awake! awake! why slumber any longer? Look about you. If ever there was a chance given us to rally to the front it is now.

The Church of God is now passing through one of the most critical crisis in all her history. Surely God is allowing us to be "made white and tried" and how few are standing the test. We have greater possibilities now than ever before and unless we "go in" we will find ourselves sifted out by the wayside.

Jesus must have meant these golden moments when He said, "The harvest truly is white, but the laborers are few."

As we enter into the dark tribulations and see the storm clouds gathering more and more dense, we should be putting forth every effort possible to rescue every perishing soul we can.

The dreadful war through which we have passed had a wonderful effect on the hearts of the people and now this great pestilence (influenza) is so softening the hearts of the multitudes that it affords us a great opportunity to get the gospel to them. Of course it will take a sacrifice and a good deal of self-sacrifice, but let us awake and go to work with will.

I find house to house canvassing and distributing tracts an ideal way to reach the people. Go into the homes where there are sick, do what you can for their comfort. Speak a few gentle words about Jesus and His love, leave a tract or two, then call next day and see the result.

Some say they are afraid they will catch the disease. I am sure the dear Lord who commanded us to go, will take care of us. If I should take it and die, I could rather go into His presence and hear Him say, "Well done," than to hear Him say, "I was sick and ye visited me not."

Most of our people want to do something, but they seem to want the world to know all about it. If they can fill some big place in a revival, be the pianist, or organist, or in the first row of the choir it is well, but it takes grace to go from home to home in the slums and wash the dirty-faced children and comb their little tousled heads, wait on the poor mother or father, clean the house and cook them something to eat. But it is our duty and we must awake to our opportunities.

The Lord directed me to a home a few days ago. When I opened the door and walked in I saw the looks of penury everywhere. There lay the husband and father in one corner and the wife in another corner, both low with influenza, and a dear little baby about two years old, dirty and hungry, begging for bread. The dear mother's heart was breaking as she could not arise to attend it. In two hours she gave birth to another little one. When she was cared for and made comfortable she looked up into my face and with tears streaming down her cheeks said, "You are an angel of mercy and surely God sent you here." I found that the husband's mother had received the Holy Ghost many years ago and died talking in tongues. Perhaps 'twas her prayers that caused me to go in that day. I had never seen or heard of them before. This is only one case in hundreds and we should make every moment count in reaching these dear ones for whom Jesus died.

I know some saints (?) who never do anything but shout and dance and talk in tongues and if I mention their visiting the sick and relieving the oppressed they look at me in horror and say, "Oh, that disease is so contagious and my husband don't like for me to go into it." Some have even refused to go to pray for the saints who are sick for fear they will "catch" it. How can we ever "put on our strength" as long as we shirk our duty? Jesus told us that not every one that said, Lord, Lord, would enter into the kingdom. Awake! put on thy strength, O Zion! (Church of God.)

The most beautiful characteristic feature I see in Jesus is His humbleness, that meek, lowly spirit and if we follow Him we must "put it on." We have not attained it yet as a whole.

Solomon's Song(7:1) speaks of the joints of the thighs being jewels. This joint is an unseen force, no beauty, but oh, how necessary in the makeup of the body. So we can be unseen forces in this body(church). We may never get any applause, may never be appreciated, but how necessary for some one to fill these places.

Surely you can hear the tender voice of the Holy Ghost wooing you away from the world of tumult where He can wave His banner of love over you (Cant. 2:4) and then when we are clothed upon with HIS righteousness we will go in search of the dear sheep of His pasture whom He loved so much. We will soothe the fevered brow, give the parched lips a cool drink of water, we will point them to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. Don't think all this mission work falls on the preacher; God requires you to do your bit, too.

Let us put on our strength. We may have ever so many beautiful warm garments in our wardrobe, but if we never clothe ourselves in them they will be of no benefit. So as God gives us this wonderful chance to show to the world and to Him our Christian graces which we love to shout about, let us be loyal and prove to the world that we have this wonderful treasure.

As I said in beginning, we have come right up to the place where it is "go on" or "go back." Which will you do? Let us press on and do our best for him who gave His all for us. He said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least * * * ye have done it unto me."

Awake to the call. See how our sons and husbands arise to the call of our

HOW TO SEEK GOD

"And Ye Shall Seek Me, And Find Me, When Ye Shall Search For Me With All Your Heart---Jer. 29:13.

T. S. PAYNE.

The Lord is in every place, yet it takes a very diligent search to find Him. The Apostle Paul tells us that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

At this age there is much mechanical seeking after God. Many people are so taken up with theories and opinions of people that it is very hard for them to come to God in the simple childlike way that God would have them do.

Many people never seek God with their heart, but with their head only. By the term "heart" we mean the immortal part of man, the soul, especially the seat of affection. Many times we have seen people go the rounds of repentance, confession etc., in nothing but an intellectual way and then stop there, disappointed for lack of results, or, worse still, become a cold professor and be satisfied by saying, "I have confessed and God says, 'If we confess He will forgive'; therefore I am forgiven." All this done without the semblance of regeneration, and thus a hypocrite is sent out to curse the world with an empty profession and likely die in this deceived condition and be eternally lost in hell.

Truly God does forgive when we really confess, but it must come from the heart. At Romans 6:11, Paul says, "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the HEART that form of doctrine which was delivered unto you." Notice the apostle says, "Obeyed from the heart." Nothing short of heart searching and heart obedience will ever be recognized by God.

The same thing is true of some seeking sanctification who try to get relief by saying, "Whatever touches the altar is made holy; I am on the altar, therefore I am sanctified." Sometimes this is done while their hearts are far from the cleansing fountain.

Many a dry-eyed, pretending seeker has come to the altar, got down on one knee, stayed for an hour or more without praying one word and then got up and wondered why he did not get blessed. Although he may go the regular round of church work, his heart will be as cold as stone, and then he is surprised that he has so little joy and his life is one of drudgery. He is like a poor cold hearted husband who thinks his wife ought to be satisfied with him just because he gives her plenty of clothes to wear, plenty to eat and a house to live in, while he spends his nights at the lodge or in some club house and his days in the midst of business and denies her the love and affection he so justly owes her. The true wife would rather live in a hovel and subsist on the poorest fare and have his undivided love and affections, than to live in a palace, wear purple and fine linen, fare sumptuously every day and be without his love.

Of course God wants your service, but most of all He wants you. Those who are the most expert in all questions of theology are not always the ones who receive the greatest blessings; but it is the soul that unceasingly and affectionately cries out for the living God.

God's purpose in leaving our hearts incomplete was to make them a dwelling place for His Holy Spirit. The secret longing of every heart is for the indwelling Christ; nothing else will ever satisfy. It is a great time with us when we get to the place that we will cry out to God: "O and learn about the Great Spirit."

Although a member of the Church of England he had never sought God with his heart, while the old chief had found Him in the darkness of his wigwam.

As a boy of very tender years I sat in the congregation Sunday after Sunday and listened to the preaching of the Word, but did not know how to seek God and find the peace my soul so much desired.

I well remember on one occasion hearing Brother A. B. Smith say, "Did you know, if there were no world but this, it would still pay to serve God?" I had never thought of it in that way. I had always thought people served God solely to escape hell and gain heaven.

Although young, my heart was crushed with sin and for lack of teaching as to how to seek God I continued in sin a long time. I was so ignorant of salvation and the conditions upon which it could be obtained. I began reading the Bible, but when it came to appropriating its promises for personal salvation I was ignorant. But oh, my heart was so hungry for God.

After many years of sin and striving against the Spirit of God, I finally surrendered to Him and in a moment I knew that my sins were forgiven and that the Lord had saved my soul. It was not so much of knowledge in my seeking, as it was love and sincere desire.

God will pass by the palace whose doors are closed against Him to come into the most humble hovel where love and a welcome are found. He will pass by the rich, high and educated where pride and arrogance are found to get into the poorest, lowest and most ignorant heart that loves and gives Him a welcome.

The good Lord is not such a great way off that He must needs be sought for a long time, for He is standing now at your heart's door gently knocking and begging to be let in. If you will only hear His voice and open the door He will gladly come in and comfort you.

Sinners, if your precious longing heart is hungry for God today, please do not depend upon cold formal efforts, but come cast yourself at Jesus' feet and from the depth of your soul cry unto the Lord and He will save you out of all your troubles. Do not be afraid to let the secret longings of your soul be poured out in the loving ear of your Redeemer and rest assured that He will not disappoint you.

Obituary.

Annie Creel, wife of W. I. Creel, departed this life October 22, 1918. She was sick only one day and her illness seemed serious only a few minutes. Then she realized that Jesus had come to carry her home.

In the midst of her suffering she said: "I see a beautiful light." Then in a moment or two she began to clap her hands and laugh and said: "Oh, it is Jesus coming after me."

Weep not for her as those who have no hope, for it was a joy to her when she saw that she was leaving this world. But we are made sad when we think of the four children left without a mother, and the husband who will miss her so much.

It was in 1910 when Brother Tomlinson, Brother McLain, Brother and Sister Haynes and others went to Gintown, Ala., and held a tent meeting that she saw the light on holiness and began to walk therein. She sought the baptism of the Holy Ghost in the first meeting there in June, but did not receive the experience until October of that year.

She became a member of the first Church of God established in Alabama and remained a member until her death.

Her little son, Oscar Lee, preceded her to the glory land only nineteen days. Especially since

his death she had been drawn close to the Lord and her only desire seemed to be to see people turn from sin and serve God.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother L. R. Guthrie and the body laid to rest in New Bethel cemetery to await the resurrection morning.

Her sister-in-law,
Pearl Creel.

Tampa, Fla.

Dear Evangel:

I want to praise God this morning for saving me from sin. I have, by the Lord's help, given up the world. I care no more for the things of this world. I only want Jesus and desire to do His will. I praise Him for the blessed Holy Ghost.

I praise God for His healing power. He wonderfully healed my baby boy and little niece. Both were stricken with Spanish influenza. My niece had had the fever for over a week. My sister was living out so far that the saints could not get out there. Then so many were ill at the same time. My sister was ill also, and it seemed she could not get victory over the enemy.

I went out to see her and found the fever was very high. My niece would not notice any one. I just asked my brother-in-law to kneel and pray with me. My sister was living out so far that the saints could not get out there. Then so many were ill at the same time. My sister was ill also, and it seemed she could not get victory over the enemy.

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I praise Him for His healing power. He healed my four children of influenza.

I once thought I couldn't live for Jesus unless I was where I could go to church and Sunday school every Sunday and to prayer meeting through the week, but praise the Lord, if Jesus goes with us we can live for Him anywhere.

There is no church here and it is a hard place, but I find some honest hearts that are hungry. We are praying that the Lord will send some one here that is filled with the Holy Ghost who will pitch a tent and stay and pray until souls are saved.

Your sister,
Bertha Blackwelder.

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I ask all the saints to pray for my father who is so lonely in this world.

E. W. Anderson.

West Green, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am still on the victory side. Praise God for the blood of Jesus that saves from all sin! Glory to God!

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These are for those who attend regularly and they contain all the lessons for the quarter.

Two grades of quarterlies

Adult and Junior, 5c each.

You should get your order in early so it can reach you in time for the beginning of